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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/018,392	Applicant(s) KURACHI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 21 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment filed on 1/23/06 was entered.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

In light of the amendments being made in claims 1-2 as well as in claims 8-9 and 13-14; particularly a portion of SEQ ID NO:3 defined by SEQ ID NO:93 or a portion of SEQ ID NO:93 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:91; the examiner decides to rejoin the inventions of Groups II-III together. Claims 19-20 were previously withdrawn.

Claims 1-18 will be examined, and they are subjected to the following species restrictions.

Species Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

- 1. A single specifically named SEQ ID NO as a species of a portion of SEQ ID NO: 93 listed in the Markush group of either claim 5 or claim 10.**
- 2. A single specifically named encoded protein as a species of a protein coded by a sequence of interest listed in the Markush group of claim 8.**
- 3. A single specifically named promoter sequence as a species of a promoter sequence listed in the Markush group of claim 9.**

4. A single specifically named host cell as a species of a host cell listed in the Markush group of claim 16 and a gamete recited in claim 15.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

1. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-18 and 21 are drawn to a recombinant expression vector, a substantially purified nucleic acid sequence, a host cell containing a portion of SEQ ID NO:93, and a method of making and using the same.
2. Claims 1-2, 7-18 and 21 are drawn to a recombinant expression vector, a host cell containing a nucleic acid sequence of interest, and a method of making and using the same.
3. Claims 1-2, 7-18 and 21 are drawn to a recombinant expression vector, a host cell containing a promoter sequence, and a method of making and using the same.
4. Claims 2, 13-18 and 21 are drawn to a host cell, and a method of making and using a cell.

The following claim(s) are generic: Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-18 and 21 for a portion of SEQ ID NO:93; Claims 1-2, 7-18 and 21 for a nucleic acid sequence of interest

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encoding a protein; Claims 1-2, 7-18 and 21 for a promoter sequence; and Claims 2, 13-18 and 21 for a host cell.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

1. Each recited SEQ ID NO representing a portion of SEQ ID NO:93 is different one from the others, and each SEQ ID NO. is considered to be a special technical feature. Therefore they lack a common unity of invention.

2. Each encoded protein is different one from the others structurally and biochemically, and therefore they lack a common unity of invention.

3. Each promoter sequence is different one from the others structurally and properties, and therefore they lack a common unity of invention.

4. Each host cell is different physically, chemically and biochemically one from the others, and therefore they lack a common unity of invention.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang Nguyen, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0776.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's SPE, Dave Nguyen, may be reached at (571) 272-0731.

To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1633; Central Fax No. (571) 273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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